

Eastern Municipal Water District 2270 Trumble Road P.O. Box 8300 Perris, CA 92572-8300

## Notice of Intent to Adopt a Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration Perris North Groundwater Monitoring Project

Eastern Municipal Water District (District) proposes to implement the Perris North Groundwater Monitoring Project (proposed project) to construct and operate groundwater monitoring wells in the Perris North Sub-basin. A total of 16 well clusters, of up to 4 individual well casings each, would be constructed, though exact well locations are being determined. The District previously evaluated 21 parcels for potential well locations. Fourteen additional sites have been added in the roadway right-of-way, within which the well clusters would be constructed. These additional sites are being evaluated in this Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration. All 14 of the new sites being considered are located in the City of Moreno Valley (see map attached). Monitoring wells at these sites would be drilled to a maximum depth of 60 to 420 feet below ground surface. Wells would be located to monitor water quality and depth in areas of concern for perchlorate, volatile organic compounds, and nitrate, as well as a well outside the areas of concern to monitor potential movement of these constituents of concern. This project would provide data needed to assist in the on-going management of the Perris North Sub-basin.

The proposed project is generally bounded on the west by Interstate 215 and to the north by Sunnymead Ranch Parkway. It is generally bounded to the south by Krameria Avenue, and to the east by Nason Street. Land use in the proposed Project area is predominantly residential, with commercial areas located along major roadways (Highway 60, Alessandro Boulevard, Perris Boulevard), and business park/light industrial in areas bordering March Air Reserve Base and the southern end of the City of Moreno Valley (see map attached). Wells would be located within the paved roadway right-of-way.

Two of the proposed project parcels, MW-04 and MW-15 are adjacent to sites included on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

In accordance with Section 15072(a) of the CEQA Guidelines, the Public Notice officially notifies the general public, public agencies, and landowners that a 30-day public review period will begin on January 9, 2023. Comments on the Draft Subsequent Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) should focus on environmental issues and must be received by February 9, 2023. Please submit email comments to broadhej@emwd.org and written comments by mail to the following location:

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Email or written comments received by February 9, 2023 will be considered before the MND is approved for adoption by the District's Board of Directors. A public meeting of the District's Board of Directors to take action on the MND will be held following public notification of the hearing on the District's website. Regularly scheduled Board meetings take place at the District's headquarters on the first and third Wednesday of each month:

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Copies of the Draft Revised Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at the District's headquarters (address above) and online at https://www.emwd.org/public-notices.

